

**California Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN) Minutes
April 20, 2001**

Hosted by the California Department of Water Resources

Members Present:

1. Deidra Bennett, Disney
2. Sylvia Gude, Department of Fish & Game
3. Carolyn Tucker, Department of Water Resources
4. Phaedra Bota, Department of Boating & Waterways
5. Donna Pozzi, California State Parks
6. Lisa Kunz, Department of Toxic Substance Control
7. Laurie Monserrat, Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
8. Sue Williams, California Conservation Corps
9. Carri Benefield, California Department of Food & Agriculture
10. Laurie Yee (for Patty Weaver), Department of conservation
11. Garry Smith, Chief Water Education & Administration Branch, DWR
12. Jamie Cameron-Harley, CALFED

1. Introduction / What's New in Your World:

Sylvia Gude, Department of Fish & Game/ Project WILD – In March, attended the Sacramento area Statewide Environmental Education Listening Session. Also completed a series of “update workshops” to introduce the revised 2000 Project WILD Curriculum and Activities Guides. In April, attended “Compendium Meeting” to review responses to the RFP. Contract will be offered to Jenny Rigby with Acorn Naturalist. Coordinated with Deidra and then scheduled presentations to two regional Environmentality Challenge winners in the Fresno area. The presentations are scheduled for next Monday, April 23. Preparing to attend a two-day planning seminar in San Antonio, TX, next week for the new Project WILD high school curriculum “Science & Civics: Sustaining Wildlife. The California “team” will participate with representatives from seven other states to exchange ideas on ways to implement this new curriculum, especially the structure of training workshops.

Carolyn Tucker, Dept. of Water Resources/Office of Water Education- DWR's Lake Oroville's Teacher's Guide and Student Passport won a CAPIO (California Association of Public Information Officers) Award which will be presented at their annual Conference held April 27th at the Holiday Inn. DWR's revised California Waterways Map was made available at the meeting along with a DWR calendar.

New to CEEIN, ***Jamie Cameron-Harley, CALFED*** – Jamie has been an Information Officer for DWR for the last two years and just recently started working for CALFED. She has been active in environmental education through her work on the Creek Week campaign which is coming up on May 5. Jamie reported on this year's education kit for Water Awareness Month and her plans to involve CALFED in education activities.

Carri Benefeld, California Dept. of Food and Agriculture/Integrated Pest Control Branch –

1. CDFA hosted Lori Williams, Executive Director of the National Invasive Species Council--- Lori was quite interested in the educational outreach we are doing for invasive species in California. At a National level, working groups are forming to tackle a both National and International campaigns.
2. Continue to work with our 40 Weed Management Area groups in developing local weed management work plans, many groups are incorporating K-12 outreach projects in the plans--- from on the ground projects (weed pull and restoration days to classroom visits.
3. I've submitted one grant proposal to date--- pursuing funding for invasive species tool kits. The California Exotic Pest Plant Council is considering lending support to the project.
4. Planning a meeting with Pam Emery, Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom, to explore the possibility of developing a Noxious/Invasive Weed Unit.

Sue Williams, California Conservation Corps/Corpsmember Development- Since November CCC has reached over 3,000 students with classroom presentations regarding used oil recycling.

Lisa Kunz, Dept. of Toxic Substances Control- Attending a recycling festival at Orinda on Saturday, 4/18. Planning to attend San Gabriel Christian School's Environmental Festival on Thursday, May 10th.

Donna Pozzi, California State Parks/Interpretation and Education Division- New program to develop a new brochure for each State Park – will take 5 years. Haven't had this since Prop. 13. Planning new searchable data base for Dept. website presenting information on Park interpretive programs for school groups. Fields will include location, grade level, content standards. Completed update of CEEIN brochure.

Laurie Monserrat, Office of Environ. Health Hazard Assessment – Updated CEEIN website to comply with Gov's redesign standards. Awaiting approval from Gov's office. Society of Toxicology – mentor project. State mentor project –teaching science lessons @ Dos Rios School. 2 Regional winner presentations (Sonoma County).

Deidra Bennett, The Walt Disney Company/Environmental Programs- Thank you to those who sent down PSA's to air on Disneyland Resort Cast TV. Thank you to those who have done the first place regional winner announcements. The Grand Prize Winner announcement was April 10 – the class was very surprised. 2nd & 3rd place regional winner and non-placing announcements went out in mail this week. Mrs. Lopez and her class from Park View Center School will be coming to Anaheim on May 2nd & 3rd. they will participate in the Water Education Festival, have dinner at Rancho del Zocalo and stay at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel on Wednesday. Thursday they will have an early morning rehearsal, educational activity in the Redwood Creek Challenge Trail, dignitary meeting and ceremony at Sunshine Plaza at Disney's California Adventure.

2 .Guest Speakers: Dr. Carol J. Baird, Executive Director, CA Institute for Biodiversity, UC Berkeley Lecturer (CNR), Cal Alive!, 925.287.9020; Richard Bailey, Development Director, CA

Institute for Biodiversity, 925.287.9022; Lorrae Fuentes, Director of Education, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, 909.625.8767, Ext 243 .Dr. Baird presented information on Cal Alive - Exploring Biodiversity, a program to assist 4th - 8th grade educators to teach students about the rich biological diversity of California. The program consists of CD-ROMs, Classroom Guide, Teacher Guide, teacher workshops and an interactive web site. At the conclusion of the presentation, the CalAlive team expressed a desire to work with CEEIN members to distribute their material through our respective programs. If any member wishes the team to make a presentation to their management or would like to know more information about collaborating on CalAlive training, please contact Carol, Richard, or Lorrae.

3. Agenda Additions: No additions were made.

4. Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the February meeting were approved.

5. Information Items, Update:

Sylvia Gude will send out a revised List of CEEIN Members via email. The list of Conferences and Events is the same as last month.

6. Committee Updates:

Administration & Budget- The subcommittee met on March 7th to discuss the issue of membership and committee participation. After reviewing the CEEIN Cookbook on Membership, Subcommittees and Associate Membership it was decided that Bonnie Cornwall did not qualify as a voting member of CEEIN unless her agency was a signatory of the MOU or fell under an existing signatory.

Electronic Networking- No new report.

EE Advancement & Development- No new report.

Environmentality Deidra reported on the upcoming celebration for the winners of the Environmentality Challenge. Mrs. Lopez' class, from Park View Center School, Simi Valley will be honored at the Children's Water Festival the day before the event at the Disneyland Resort. The class will have dinner on May 2 at Rancho del Zocalo in Disneyland and enjoy some rides after the park is closed to the public at 8:00 p.m. The meeting with dignitaries and ceremony will take place at the new California Adventure. After the ceremony the students and chaperones will have free time at the Disneyland Resort. CEEIN members and dignitaries are invited to join Roy Disney and Disney Representatives at the Golden Vine Winery for lunch. Deidra also announced she would be leaving her job with the Disney Company to stay home with her children.

Outreach- The CEEIN brochure is being printed and should be available by the beginning of May. Anyone wanting copies can email their request to Carolyn Tucker, at carolyn@water.ca.gov

7. Information on Next Meeting The next meeting will be hosted by Kay Antunez (916/653-7958) of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, at 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1506-12, on Friday, May 18, 2001 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
